

a frame so dimensioned as to outline the mouth of a  
5            person, wherein the frame is a loop formed into a  
             heart shape such that each lobe of the heart shape  
             outlines a corresponding cheek area of the two  
             persons kissing, the noses of the two persons  
             kissing are positioned between the lobes of the  
10           heart shape, and the point of the heart shape  
             extends below the chins of the two persons  
             kissing,;

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a thin, flexible membrane carried by the frame, the  
             membrane being impervious to microorganisms; and  
15           a handle extending from the frame and adapted for being  
             gripped to support the frame and membrane between  
             the mouth of the two persons;  
             wherein the membrane prevents exchange of microorganisms  
             between the two persons while the two persons are  
20           engaged in the act of kissing.

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H2 3~~26~~. (Once Amended) The apparatus of claim [25] ~~23~~ wherein the  
             frame extends angularly from the handle.

4~~27~~. (Once amended) The apparatus of claim [25] ~~23~~ wherein the  
             frame extends angularly from the handle such that the handle is  
             substantially collinear with the nose of a person when the frame is  
             positioned to outline the mouth, cheek and chin areas of the  
5           person.

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8 31. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for preventing exchange of microorganisms between two persons engaged in the act of kissing, the apparatus comprising:

5 a frame so dimensioned as to outline the mouth, cheeks and chin areas of a person, wherein the frame is a loop formed into a heart shape such that each lobe of the heart shape outlines a corresponding cheek area of the two persons kissing, the noses of the two persons kissing are positioned between the lobes of the heart shape, and the point of the heart shape extends below the chins of the two persons kissing;

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a sleeve supported by the frame, the sleeve being made of a thin, flexible sheet material impervious to microorganisms; and

15 a handle extending from the frame and adapted for being gripped to support the frame and sleeve between the mouth, cheek and chin areas of two persons;

20 wherein the sleeve prevents exchange of microorganisms between the two persons while the two persons are engaged in the act of kissing and prevents contact by the two persons with the frame.

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H4 10-34. (Once amended) The apparatus of Claim [33] ~~31~~ wherein the frame extends angularly from the handle.

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11 ✓ 35. (Once amended) The apparatus of Claim [33] ~~31~~ wherein the frame extends angularly from the handle such that the handle is substantially collinear with the nose of a person when the frame is positioned to outline the mouth, cheek and chin areas of the person.

16 ~~40~~ (Twice amended) An apparatus for preventing the exchange of microorganisms between two persons engaged in the act of French kissing, the apparatus comprising:

5 a loop frame so dimensioned as to outline the mouth, cheeks and chin areas of a person, wherein the loop frame is a loop formed into a heart shape such that each lobe of the heart shape outlines a corresponding cheek area of the two persons French kissing, the noses of the two persons French kissing are positioned between the lobes of the heart shape, and the point of the heart shape extends below the chins of the two persons French kissing;

10 H5- a sleeve supported by the frame, the sleeve being made of a thin, flexible sheet material impervious to microorganisms and having a protuberance defining a space  
15 sized and shaped to receive the tongue of one of the two persons; and

a handle extending from the frame and adapted for being gripped to support the frame and membrane between the mouth, cheek and chin areas of two persons;